

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 21-22, 2003

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Information Item

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Ref: STIP AMENDMENT 02S-071

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) has requested that this proposed State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment be noticed at the May 2003 California Transportation Commission (Commission) meeting, and be considered for approval in June. This notice is an informational item allowing the Commission to review the proposal, comment and/or ask questions prior to taking formal action in June 2003 or later.

LACMTA requests that the Commission approve a replacement project per AB 3090, to replace the currently programmed funds for Environmental work (PA&ED) and Design (PS&E) for the Covina Metrolink Parking Structure (PPNO 3224) in the City of Covina. The City of Covina will use its local funds (City General Funds) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2002-03 to complete the PA&ED and PS&E work for the Metrolink Parking Structure project. The PA&ED and PS&E components are currently programmed in the STIP for \$240,000 and \$320,000 in FY 2002-03. The City of Covina will program a total of \$560,000 in FY 2004-05 for a replacement project which will be identified at a later date. In addition, the City of Covina proposes to delay \$2,085,000 Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds programmed in FY 2003-04 to FY 2004-05 for the Construction (CON) component of the project. This is a revenue neutral programming action.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the item be placed on the consent calendar for approval at the June 2003 Commission meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Covina will construct a parking structure adjacent to the Metrolink Commuter Rail Line to mitigate the parking deficiency caused by the fast growing commuter rail ridership. The demand for parking is going to increase rapidly when the second station platform is expected to be operational in spring 2003. The City of Covina is ready to proceed with PA&ED and PS&E work for this project. The Covina Metrolink Parking Structure project (PPNO 3224) is currently programmed for \$240,000 and \$320,000 for PA&ED and PS&E components in FY 2002-03. Due to insufficient financial capacity in the current fiscal year, this project is not a part of the priority project list to be allocated by the Commission. The City of Covina wants to complete the PA&ED and PS&E components of the project with the city general funds and the city will program a total of \$560,000 STIP dollars in FY 2004-05 for a replacement project.

The Commission Policy on AB 3090 encourages local agencies to use local funds to advance the delivery of projects programmed in the STIP. The City of Covina proposes to complete the PA&ED and PS&E components of the Covina Metrolink Parking Structure project with its own local (City General) funds and to program a replacement project in the STIP in FY 2004-05, in accordance with the Commission Policy that gives preference to the programming of AB 3090 replacement projects over AB 3090 direct reimbursement arrangements. The specific AB 3090 replacement project will be amended into the STIP at a later date.

Because of the current STIP funding situation, the City had to pursue alternate funding strategies to begin the PA&ED and PS&E work immediately. With the approval of the current AB 3090 amendment request for a replacement project, the City will be able to complete the PA&ED and PS&E phases in FY 2003-04 with local funds. Consequently, the City of Covina proposes to delay \$2,085,000 RIP funds currently programmed in FY 2003-04 to FY 2004-05 for the CON phase of the project.

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Location Map



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PPNO 3224

Location: City of Covina, at 580 North Third Avenue and 559 North Citrus Avenue

Description: Construct Parking Structure

